VRS in Railways

716. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the action taken to implement Rakesh Mohan Committee's Report on Railways and to implement VRS, to reduce staff strength by 20 per cent in the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): The Railway Expert Group headed by Dr. Rakesh Mohan has submitted its report on 7/8/2001. A Committee of senior officers of Railway Board was constituted to study various recommendations made in the Report. The Committee is expected to submit its Report shortly. Further action will be initiated only on receipt of the report of this Committee.

Remodelling of Talcher Station Yard

717. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up remodelling of Talcher Station Yard in South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the progress of work, as on date; and

(c) by when the work of remodelling of Talcher Station Yard is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Detailed estimate has been sanctioned. Earthwork and linking of track is in progress. Two end cabins have been constructed and signalling works are in progress. The work of yard remodelling is expected to be completed by the end of this financial year.